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## Next Meeting

May 12, 2023

At [6 PM](#) at the First  
Congregational Church,  
37 Main St, Southington.

We will be helping to set  
up for our Mother's Day  
Sale that happens the  
next day!

## Featured Event

Setting up for our  
fund raiser on May  
13<sup>th</sup>!

## President's Message

In place of our usual membership meeting on the second Wednesday of the month we are moving the general body meeting to **Friday May 12<sup>th</sup>, 6PM @ the First Congregational Church** in Southington 37 Main St., Southington, CT 06489. Initial setup of the Mother's Day Orchid Sale will take the place of our regular May meeting.

Depending on the weather forecast for Saturday we may be able to use the outdoor parking area in front of the church to capture the attention of foot and vehicle traffic from the Town Green across the street. We have tents and a banner we can setup by the doors to the indoor event space.

We will need your help setting up the floorplan; placing signage; collecting member donated plants, books, and supplies to be priced; setting up our greeter table; and setting up our club display table. Please join us and lend a hand. With enough help it should be a fun time to socialize and preview the plants!

Instead of a show table we need blooming plants to set up an eye-catching display to highlight the floristic diversity and captivating allure of the orchid. While we will have blooming plants we brought in from Hawaii for the sale, many of the member donated plants will not be blooming so we need to show people what they can achieve with a little care and knowledge. If you have anything in bloom and you are comfortable contributing to the display plants will need to be **dropped off on Friday** and **picked up on Saturday** at end of the sale, unless you would like to coordinate an early drop-off and pickup. Also if you have any plants or supplies that you would like to donate to our sales table please reach out to us directly at [ctorchidsociety@gmail.com](mailto:ctorchidsociety@gmail.com) so we know who is bringing what.

At the April meeting we sent around a signup sheet for Volunteers for our **Mother's Day Orchid Sale, Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>**, I know 10am-4pm is a long day so we broke it up into two timeslots the morning slot includes early **setup 9:30am-1pm** and a later timeslot **1pm-4:30pm to breakdown**. If you did not signup up please reach out directly to me at the above email so we know who we are counting on the day of the event!

Here's to a successful event!

Christian

## Mother's Day Orchid Sale

**Date: Saturday, May 13**

**Location: First Congregational Church, 37 Main St., Southington**

**Time – 10 AM to 4 PM**

For our sale we have three great local vendors who will be there, two selling orchids and one selling pottery:

J&L Orchids – wide selection of species and hybrids of small to medium sized orchids suitable for home growing

the orchidPhile – cutting-edge Phalaenopsis species and hybrids plus other types of orchids that grow happily under similar conditions as Phalaenopsis

Inflorescence House – hand-made ceramic planters

Plus, the COS itself will have a variety of member donated and recently purchased orchids, books and potting supplies for sale.

**This is the Society's major planned fund raiser for this year and is our first organized fund raiser since our show in 2019. Please come and support the Society.**



## Notes from our April meeting

Our speaker was Kelly McCracken of High Desert orchids in Albuquerque. She started to grow indoors under artificial lights partly due to the expense of cooling and arid nature of her outside climate. At this point, she grows everything inside this way.

There are 20 four foot tubes in her growing area. Plants need more red and blue light rather than green or yellow light in order to grow well. This may look odd to us, but works well. The photoperiod is important, though not essential for flowering. She has the lights off for 12 hours and on for 12. Basically, she gets 30 to 50% of natural light. Phals and Paphs can tolerate 100 umol, Cattleyas 202 to 275 and 1200 for Dendrobiums and Vandas.

She prefers the energy-efficient LEDs as opposed to the older fluorescent lights. She recommends a type of light called Barrina, which is much less expensive. The center of the light tube is the brightest part. Other advantages of LEDs is that they can be dimmed, spectrum controlled, and are safe around moisture. If plants get too much light, they can get crinkled reddish leaves, which of course are not desirable. It is possible to get a light meter for your phone, which is a good way to tell if the plants are getting enough light or too much.



## Looking Ahead

May

**5/12/23 COS Meeting Preparing for our Mother's Day Fundraiser**

**5/13/23 Mother's Day Orchid Sale: Southington First Congregational Church**

June

**6/14/23 COS Meeting Farmington: Guest Speaker Tim Culbertson**

July

**7/9/23 Summer Picnic Black Rock State Park: Guest Speaker Fred Clarke**



## April Show Table

<i>Arpophyllum giganteum</i>	C. Mizak	i, g *
<i>Calanthe</i> Kojima White	C. Lesage	c, g
<i>Cattleya</i> Lynn Spencer 'Pearl' HCC/AOS	J. Chang	i, w
<i>Cattlianthe</i> Fire Dance 'Patricia' AM/AOS	S. Kennedy	i, g
<i>Dendrobium</i> Aussie Chip	C. Lesage	i, g
<i>Dendrobium finisterrae</i>	C. Lesage	i, g
<i>Dendrobium kingianum</i>	C. Lesage	i, g
<i>Dendrobium</i> Nora Tokunaga	C. Lesage	w, g
<i>Dendrobium</i> Pam Tajima x <i>Dendrobium rhodostictum</i>	C. Lesage	w, g
<i>Enanthleya</i> Golden Sunburst	S. Kennedy	i, g
<i>Enanthleya</i> Golden Sunburst 'Exotic Orchids' AM/AOS	D. Tognalli	i, w
<i>Cattleya</i> Koolau Seagulls 'Volcano Queen' AM/AOS x <i>Guaricyclia</i> Kyoguchi 'M. Sauno' mutation	D. Tognalli	i, w
<i>Leomesezia</i> Lava Burst (syn. <i>Howeara</i> )	K. Perssonatti/Ward	i, l
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Alwine ( <i>sukhakulii</i> x <i>Goultenianum</i> )	J. Richards	i, l
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> (Inca Gold x Gene Hughes) x ((Flight Path x Tree Village) x Winston Churchill 'Redoubtable' FCC/AOS)	J. Richards	i, l
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Saint Swithin	J. Chang	i-w, w
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Supersuk 'Eureka' AM/AOS x <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Raisin Pie 'Hsinying'	C. Lesage	w, g
<i>Paphiopedilum villosum</i>	B. Kennedy	i, w
<i>Phaius tankervilleae</i> var. <i>alba</i>	C. Mizak	i, g
<i>Phaleanopsis</i> Hwu-Ann Golden 'Taida Honey'	S. Kennedy	i, g
<i>Phaleanopsis</i> hybrid ig. large white	S. Kennedy	i, g
<i>Phaleanopsis</i> hybrid ig. peloric white with pink stripes	C. Liu	c, l
<i>Phaleanopsis</i> hybrid ig. yellow	C. Liu	c, l
<i>Phaleanopsis</i> hybrid ig. yellow with spots	C. Liu	c, l

<i>Phaleanopsis</i> Mini Mark	C. Liu	w, l
<i>Phaleanopsis tetraspis</i> 'C1' HCC/AOS	C. Liu	w, l
<i>Phaleanopsis</i> Younghome Snow White	C. Liu	c, l
<i>Pleione formosanum</i> 'Blush of Dawn'	C. Lesage	c, g
( <i>Cattlianthe</i> Gold Digger x <i>Rhyncattleanthe</i> Bouton D'Or) x <i>Rhyncattleanthe</i> Orange Nugget	T. Zamojski	i, w
<i>Stelis emarginata</i>	D. Tognalli	i, w
<i>Trichopilia suavis</i>	C. Lesage	w, g
<i>Vanda</i> Cherry Blossom 'Carmela' AM/AOS	S. Kennedy	i, g
<i>Vanda</i> Pari	B. Kennedy	i, l-w
<i>Vanda</i> Santa Barbara Fizz	B. Kennedy	i, w

\* c = cool, i=intermediate, w=warm

g=greenhouse, l=lights, w=windowsill

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***Calanthe Kojima White***





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***Cattlianthe* Fire Dance 'Patricia' AM/AOS**



## ***Dendrobium Aussie Chip***



## ***Dendrobium finisterrae***



## ***Dendrobium kingianum***



## ***Dendrobium Nora Tokunaga***



***Dendrobium Pam Tajima*  
*x Dendrobium rhodostictum***



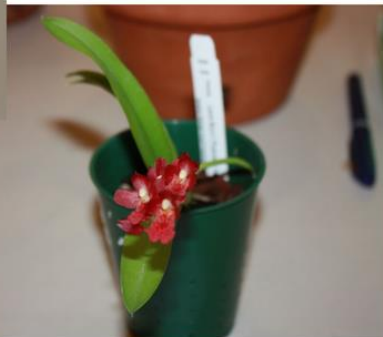
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x *Paphiopedilum* Raisin Pie 'Hsinying'**



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***Trichopilia suavis***



***Vanda* Cherry Blossom 'Carmela' AM/AOS**



***Vanda* Pari**



## ***Vanda* Santa Barbara Fizz**







## HAVE IDEAS?

If you have ideas about the direction of the future of the society, please consider joining the board!

### Upcoming AOS News and Events

Click on this link below

<https://www.aos.org/news-events.aspx>





## Orchids in the News!

Click the link to learn more about the Orchid bees! Yes, they are real!

[https://www.fs.usda.gov/wildflowers/pollinators/pollinator-of-the-month/orchid\\_bee.shtml](https://www.fs.usda.gov/wildflowers/pollinators/pollinator-of-the-month/orchid_bee.shtml)

## Mentor List

The following COS members are available to answer your culture questions and help you with any orchid growing problems you may have.

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## COS Membership Information

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**COS Membership Dues:** \$20/yr. Individual \$25/yr. Family

\$200 Individual or \$250 Family Lifetime Membership (never pay dues again!) Visit [www.ctorchids.org](http://www.ctorchids.org) to apply for/renew membership. We accept Paypal.

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